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Title: TRANSPORTATION DEVICE

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Applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement as set forth on the attached forms, PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b.

The following text provides a concise explanation of relevance for non-English language information by an individual knowledgeable about the content of the information:

1. Swiss Patent CH 390 978

Relates to a ski lift with an endless transportation rope running over at least two draw back pulleys one of which is provided at the lower station and the other one at the upper station of the ski lift. These pulleys rotate around an axis which is perpendicular to a base of a supporting frame of the station and are positioned on a level away from the base.

The disclosure particularly differs from the subject matter of the present invention in that the driving wheel and the deflection pulley according to the present invention are arranged substantially vertically.

2. German laid open publication no. 320 020

This publication discloses a ski lift with an endless transportation rope running over drawback pulleys. Holding bar devices are connected to the transportation rope running over drawback pulleys. Holding bar devices are connected to the transportation rope and extend to the side thereof. According to the disclosure of DE-OS-320-020 the pulleys are not arranged in a vertical but in a horizontal manner. As discussed above, this is in contrast to the disclosure of the present invention.

3. German laid open publication no. 1 580 888

Relates to the drive of a ski lift wherein the driving roller comprises a specific concave profile (Fig. 1, Fig. 2). Fig.3 shows the use of two separate endless transportation ropes wherein the drive unit is arranged as an intermediate station. Accordingly, the disclosure of DE-OS-1 580 888 may be considered as basically corresponding to the state of the art discussed under paragraph [00009] of the application as filed in the US.

4. Swiss Patent CH 432 574

Relates to a ski lift, basically corresponding to the ski lifts as discussed above, wherein the drawback pulleys are inclined about a specific angle α . Thus, this document also does not disclose a substantial vertical arrangement of the driving wheel deflection pulley.

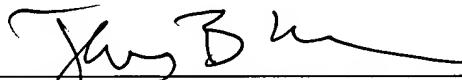
5. Ausführungsbestimmungen (AB) zu den Vorschriften für den Bau und Betrieb von Schleppaufzügen (BOSchlepp)

This document comprises the official regulations for the construction and operation of the bar lifts according to which (section 12, regulation 12.5) the

diameters of the driving pulley, the pulley for changing the direction of the rope in the deflecting sheave have to be at least 60 times the diameter of the rope and 600 times the diameter of the wire.

As this Statement is filed before the mailing of the first Office Action, Applicant believes there are no fees due at this time.

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